STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 21, 2024

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Burgos) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to directing the department of education to establish model codes of conduct on school property regarding cellphone use

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 2801-c to read as follows:

§ 2801-c. Model codes of conduct on school property. The department shall, in collaboration with the New York state council of school superintendents and the New York state school boards association, produce model codes of conduct on school property for any building, structure and surrounding outdoor grounds, including entrances or exits, contained within a public or private pre-school, nursery school, elementary or secondary school's legally defined property boundaries as registered in a county clerk's office. Such model codes of conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the use of cellphones by students during school hours. Such model codes shall be posted to the department's website.

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 409-n to read as follows:

§ 409-n. Cellphone policy. The board of education or trustees of every school district or, in the case of the city school district of New York, the chancellor, and every board of cooperative educational services, charter school and nonpublic school within the state shall develop policies and procedures for the use of cellphones by students during school hours.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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